

Appln No. 10/728,782
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowance of claims 1 to 22.

The drawings have been rejected under 37 CFR 1.83(a).

The Examiner has stated that the Figures must show that the corner 23 is actually lower than the other three corners of the support tray.

With respect, Applicant disagrees with this objection. Claim 5 claims : *"The page binding device of claim 1 wherein the tray has a base including at least one corner portion that is lower than other portions of the base"*. When the alignment of Figures 8 to 13 on the page is properly considered, it can be seen that corner 23, shown at the right of the figure, is lower than the unlabelled corner shown at the left of the figure. That is, the tray 18 is depicted as having one corner (corner 23) lower than other portions of the base (unlabelled corner). Thus the features of claim 5 are properly illustrated. The claim does not define a requirement that the corner 23 is the lower point of the tray, ie that it is lower than all other portions of the base. Claim 5 only defines that corner 23 is lower than some other portions of the tray. Applicant respectfully submits that the features of claim 5 are adequately described in the description and adequately illustrated in the Figures.

Claims 2 and 12 which define the adhesive applicator being integrally formed with the printhead assembly have been cancelled.

The specification has been amended at 8 to include reference label 20'.

The specification has been objected to for a range of informalities, which have all been addressed in the amended pages.

In light of these amendments and the remarks made herein, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in order for allowance. Further consideration of the application is therefore requested.

Very respectfully,

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